

How can we provide options to assist landowners in complying with these proposals?

SOME IDEAS:

Increase the amount of land allowed for clearing (draft currently says 35%)

- with enrollment in Forest Stewardship Program
- with voluntary protection of desirable wildlife habitats (caves, old-growth forests, habitat corridors, etc.)

Expand Use of Current-Use Taxation Program

- enroll more landowners in the program by giving more points for lands covered in forest or suitable for wildlife

Develop new "Fee in Lieu of" Program for Critical Areas

- fees collected from landowners of sites too constrained for on-site mitigation go to purchase other developable parcels with high-quality resources

Provide "hands-on" technical assistance

- for farmers to comply with agricultural standards